

# **Central Coventry Fire District**

## **Board Meeting**

**July 31, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.**

**1670 Flat River Rd.**

## **Minutes**

**1. Call to Order – 6:16 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call**

**President: Fred P. Gralinski**

**Vice President: Marie Baker**

**Directors: – Cynthia A. Fagan-Perry, Robert G. Hadley- Excused,  
Maureen K. Jendzejec, Daniel K. Lantz, Jr., Helen G. Quinn**

**Treasurer:**

**Tax Collector:**

**Clerk: Christine Moniz**

**Chief: Andrew J. Baynes - Excused**

**President of the Union Dave Gorman**

**Also in attendance - members of the public, and Fire Department**

**3. Moved to closed session – Pursuant to RIGL 42-45-5 (A) 2,  
sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically,  
to discuss status of pending receivership, KB12-1150, and related**

**litigation, update and discussion with legal counsel.**

**Motion was made to move into executive session by Director Quinn and Seconded by Director Fagan-Perry. Board moved into closed session at 6:16 pm**

**All Voted Aye.**

**Motion made to move back into Open Session at 7:07 p.m. Motion was made by Director Quinn and Seconded by Director Fagan-Perry. All Voted Aye.**

**Motion was made to seal the minutes of Executive Session by Director Jendzejec and Seconded by Director Fagan-Perry & VP Baker.**

**All Voted Aye**

**Approve the minutes from July 12, 2013 & July 25, 2013.**

**Motion made to approve the minutes of July 12th and the July 25th minutes approval was tabled until the next Board Meeting. Motion was made by Director Fagan-Perry and Seconded by VP Baker All Voted Aye.**

**Committee Reports –**

**Equipment & Facilities Report – Director Lantz has met with the Chief and was given an inventory of all the equipment and will be working with one of our Lieutenants to distinguish what equipment will go up for sale or discarded. All equipment will get moved to Station #3. The Washington Station. Director Lantz will be working hard to clean up the stations.**

**Motion was made to accept the Equipment and Facilities Report by Director Fagan-Perry and was Seconded by Director Jendzejec.**

**All Voted Aye**

**Finance Committee Report – Director Jendzejec stated that she and Director Hadley have met with Union President Dave Gorman, and due to the excused absence of Director Hadley she was not ready to present a report at this time.**

**Motion was made to accept the Finance Committee Report by Director Fagan-Perry and Seconded by Director Quinn and VP Baker.**

**All Voted Aye**

**Alternative Planning Committee – VP Baker reported she met with West Greenwich Fire she is still putting together her information and still has nothing to present at this time.**

**Motion made to accept the Alternative Planning Committee report by**

**Director Fagan-Perry and Seconded by Director Quinn**

**All Voted Aye**

**By-Law, Charter Review and Litigation Review Report – Director Quinn at this time had nothing to report. Motion was made to accept the report VP Baker and Seconded by Director Jendzejec.**

**All Voted Aye.**

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business –President Gralinski proposed and went over the new procedure to obtain copies of the recordings of the meetings. There will be a form available to the public to fill out and receive a copy. If you provide a thumb drive or a disc then the fee will be waved. If you request the information without a disc or drive then the fee will be \$10.00. The request needs to be made and time given for the Clerk to fill the request.**

**President Gralinski asked if there was any other new business with there being none he moved onto the next item on the agenda the Budget Workshop.**

**Budget Workshop – with the excused absent of Director Hadley President Gralinski moved to table the workshop. A motion was made by Director Fagan-Perry to table the workshop and Seconded by VP Baker.**

**All Voted Aye.**

**Board opened the meeting to public comment.**

**A member of the public approached the Board to help out with getting help with the issue of the hydrants. He stated that a Mr. Frank Georgio or Bob York would be good contacts and could help out with the Boards questions.**

**Another member of the public wanted to know that in the future could the Board put the Tax Collector on the agenda. President Gralinski stated as we proceed on with the Board meetings the Collector will get added back onto the agenda.**

**Mr. Joe Dragon wants to know is there any progress on the 5 year plan for the District. The President answered that they are starting fresh and have been working hard on a new budget.**

**Mr. Gizzarelli wanted to know if copies of the new budget will get posted before**

**It's approved. He also wanted to state that the Kent County Times posted two different meeting start times in the paper.**

**Marie Fisher wanted to know if we are considering putting a fire hydrant in the area of the asphalt plant. The President stated that he will have to discuss it with the Fire Chief and the Fire Marshal.**

**Mr. Gizzarelli inquired about the vehicle tax and noticed that Representative Guthrie was in the audience and if he could explain the bill.**

**Representative Guthrie approached the Board to explain the bill and also to go on the record to clarify the misinformation even from the CCFD Board members. He reiterated the fact that there was a vehicle tax back in 1999. It was suppressed when the State started the Auto Tax phase out. The auto tax is not something new the Fire District always had an auto tax, with the exemption of the years 1999 – 2009.**

**When the State auto tax exemption was appealed at that moment it was noted that Fire Districts had the right to tax autos. He also stated that there are 44 fire districts in this state not just four. This district alone was paid \$225,000 per year from the State. After the Governor decided he did not want the auto phase out, the district no longer received the check. He also stated to the Board if they are going to be members of the CCFD Board and want to make this District work, pay attention and understand the facts the truth and the laws and he is disturbed he has to come appear in front of the Board and explain himself.**

**President Gralinski thanked Representative Guthrie for his comment.**

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Director Fagan-Perry and**

**Seconded by Director Quinn, VP Baker, and Director Lantz.**

**All Voted Aye.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.**